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ECHO! this favour, if I purchase may! Do not herdgrooms there feign?

ECHO,

They're fain! What want they? Speak! now, they be blest, if e'er!

ECHO, Fear!

What be the confines? Rebels they be still!

ECHO, They

be still! What is She, that so many Swains doth there guide?

ECHO, Their

guide! None but herself hath that ability To rule so many ways! Her thoughts, sure grounded on Divinity; For this sweet Nymph, each Shepherd prays!

ODE 3,

PON a holy Saintes Eve As I took my pilgrimage, Wand'ring through the forest wary, Blest be that holy Saint! I met the lovely Virgin, MARY! And kneeled, with long travel faints Performing my due homage. My tears foretold my heart did grieve, Yet MARY would not me relieve!

Her I did promise, every year, The firstling female of my flock; That in my love she would me further.

(I curst the days of my first love, My comfort's spoils, my pleasures' murder.)

She, She, alas, did me reprove!

My suits, as to a stony rock, Were made j for she would not give ear;

Ah love! dear love! love bought too dear!